



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006 NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nadine Nishioka called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadine Nishioka, Jim Harwood, Gary Andersen, Hank Chapin, Paul Holtrop, Dwight Jackson, Jeff McNeill, George Nakano, Chuck Pearson, Brian Kessler, Salvatore Lanzilotti, and Milton Ragsdale.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Hubert Minn (Mayor's Representative) Senator Brian Taniguchi and Poni Daines (Senator Taniguchi's Office staff); Representative Kirk Caldwell; Larry Reifurth (Governor's Representative); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Capt. Glen Kawamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Delima, Detective John Martin, Sgt. V. Mattox (Honolulu Police Department); Tom Heinrich, Ivonne Cardenas (Makakilo.com), Grace Furukawa, Cindy Ramirez, Mari Vermeer, Tony Vossbrink, Kazu Vossbrink, Chloe Wur, and Joey Manahan (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) – Capt. Glen Kawamura distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. Statistics for the month of March include no structure or car fires, and the rest of the calls were emergency responses.
2. Community Relations

Fire Safety Tip: Brush fires cause great damage in our communities and use resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. Be responsible and dispose of all fires properly. Even small sources of fire, such as cigarettes and charcoal, can cause immense destruction. Work together with your community to make it safer. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing the vegetation surrounding all structures. Report and remove hazards. Communicate with each other. Formulate plans for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in case of emergencies. Now is the time to prepare for the brush fire season. If you are interested in creating a safe space around your home, street, or community, you may contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at (808) 281-3497 or go to www.firewise.org. (Distribute Firewise brochure.)

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) –Sgt. Mattox distributed the monthly stats and reported the following:

1. The stats have the usual fluctuations of increases and decreases. In particular, beat 750 saw increases in burglaries and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV's), but there was a decrease in thefts. Beat 752 saw increases in thefts.
2. Sgt. Mattox presented HPD tips on describing a suspect and advised victims of burglaries not to touch the crime scene to aid HPD in the collection of fingerprints and evidence.

Questions and answers and comments followed.

1. In response to Andersen's question regarding the information on the pamphlet being on the internet, Sgt. Mattox replied, if it is not on the internet then call 529-3362.

2. In response to a request for an update on the BWS worker who was robbed on Manoa trail, Sgt. Mattox had no update.

Chair Nishioka thanked Sgt. Mattox for attending the meeting.

BOARD OPEN FORUM:

1. The Chair welcomed new members, Dwight Jackson and Jeff McNeill, to the Manoa Neighborhood Board.
2. Vice Chair Harwood announced that he would like to take up the issue of public lands at Kakaako in April. He asked the Board members to be careful when discussing the issue with one another even over the email as not to violate the Sunshine Law.
3. Member Andersen called a point of order with regards to the election of a second vice-chair on the grounds that no motion was made, and the Board was not in compliance with the Neighborhood Plan since the Board had not yet elected a secretary.
4. Member Andersen nominated Member Jeff McNeill to serve as secretary. McNeill asked for clarification and what the duties and responsibilities are for Board secretary. Andersen explained that in the absence of the Neighborhood Assistant (NA), the secretary records the minutes. The Chair deferred the issue to allow Member McNeill to consider the position.
5. Vice Chair Harwood explained that a second Vice Chair would facilitate Board business and nominated Chuck Pearson to serve as 2nd Vice Chair. Member Andersen nominated Member Lanzilotti. Member Lanzilotti deferred his nomination to member Pearson. The Chair called for a vote. In a show of hands, the Board voted Chuck Pearson for the position of 2nd Vice Chair (11-0-1) with member Andersen abstaining.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE—Hubert Minn, Deputy Director, Customer Services Department, distributed Mayor Hannemann's newsletter and handouts with information on recycling, bulky item pick up, and abandoned vehicles. Minn reported the following:

1. Green waste recycling begins today, and green waste collected curbside goes to a mulching facility, not to the landfill.
2. Vice Chair Harwood would like Mr. Takamura from ENV to do a presentation to the Board regarding curbside recycling and clarify any issues the board may have with regards to the City's curbside recycling program.
3. In response to the Chair's question, Hubert Minn offered to follow up and investigate the procedure of curbside pick up of green waste on private roads.
4. In response to Board member Kessler's question regarding abandoned vehicle complaints, member Lanzilotti replied, forms can be downloaded from the city website and turned in to a satellite city hall.

The Chair thanked Minn for his presentation.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI- Councilmember Kobayashi's report was distributed.

REPRESENTATIVE KIRK CALDWELL – Representative Caldwell distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded approximately \$2.5 million to the State of Hawaii Civil Defense for their interim hazard mitigation grant proposal.
2. Representative Caldwell met with Manoa residents and staff from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in an attempt to address the feral pig problem in Manoa. Wildlife game control methods were discussed as well as a pilot program.
3. Representative Caldwell noted HB 2943, a bill relating to tax credits in the amount of \$10,000 for each Manoa flood victim is moving in the House Finance Committee.
4. Representative Caldwell held a town meeting along with Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Senator Brian Taniguchi. He noted a letter from Interim Director of the Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, Cliff Morden, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. In response to Vice Chair Harwood's question regarding the most effective method to control feral pig populations, DLNR representatives say dogs are the most effective method of controlling the population as opposed to chemicals.
2. In response to member Holtrop's question regarding flood insurance, Caldwell replied flood insurance, which is limited to structures is affordable. It gets expensive when personal items are claimed.
3. In response to member Pearson's question regarding deeming properties by streams to the government, Caldwell replied, there is no current legislation that addresses the issue. The only way to do so would be to condemn the land.
4. In response to a request for information regarding feral pigs, Caldwell instructed Grace Furukawa to call his office for the information.
5. In response to member Andersen's question regarding rock walls at Noelani to prevent flooding, Caldwell replied that a study must be done because rock walls may prevent flooding in one area while causing flooding in another.

Representative Caldwell was thanked for attending the meeting.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE—Larry Reifurth distributed the Governor's report and highlighted the following:

1. The Governor was in Washington D.C. working on issues including preparing for a pandemic like the avian flu. She has a proposal that would set aside \$50 million to stockpile medicine in the event of a pandemic.
2. It is crossover at the Legislature. Reifurth announced he was not sure what the administration's position is on supporting \$10,000 per person for flood relief in Manoa, but the administration does support \$2,000 in tax credits per person for flood relief.
3. The State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) is holding public hearings regarding the request for proposals (RFP) for the PEG to continue their contract to run public access television. The State Procurement Office is considering the need for PEG to be exempt from the procurement process.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. In response to member Andersen's question regarding any interested parties in running the public access channels, Reifurth replied he did not know of any in or out of the State at the moment.
2. Member Kessler raised the issue of Olelo adhering to the sunshine law. Reifurth noted member Kessler's concerns and mentioned it may be a good idea to include it in the RFP.
3. In response to Vice Chair Harwood's question regarding what the Manoa Neighborhood Board can do to help DCCA with their public hearings, Reifurth replied that the hearings are over, but written testimony will still be considered.

The Chair thanked Reifurth for attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for proposed City Charter Amendment concerning clean water, natural lands, and affordable housing—The issue was deferred.

Malama o Manoa Task Force—The issue was deferred due to lack of information at this time. Some members of the Manoa Neighborhood Board will attend the meeting of the Malama O Manoa (MOM) and report back to the Board on their findings. The attendance of Board members at the MOM meeting will be sun shined with an agenda and minutes and treated as a planning committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- There was none.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING:

Harwood moved and Ragsdale seconded to authorize payment of \$208.33 per meeting to Makakilo.com for videotaping services until the end of the fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Holtrop read the statements for the months January, February, and March. The reports were filed.

Member Lanzilotti left the meeting at 9 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Nakano moved and Jackson seconded to adopt the July 7, 2004, January 5, 2005, February 2, 2005, and March 2, 2005 regular meeting minutes of the Manoa Neighborhood Board as corrected by Jim Harwood and Dr. Clara Ching. The motion carried 10-0-1. (Ayes: Ragsdale, Nishioka, Harwood, Pearson, Kessler, Jackson, McNeill, Chapin, Nakano, and Holtrop. Abstain: Andersen). (Please see attachment 1 for the corrections.)

Dr. Clara Ching thanked Jim Harwood and the Board for their hard work and adopting the minutes as corrected.

The Chair thanked Dr. Ching and Jim Harwood for their work and seeing to the correction of past minutes of the Manoa Neighborhood Board.

Member Nakano thanked Jim Harwood and the Board for their tenacity and commitment to correcting the minutes that have been an ongoing issue for the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Manoa Neighborhood Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the Noelani Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joey Manahan, Neighborhood Assistant